

## Christmas Cribs of the Tyrol

THE Christmas cribs, showing the first resting place of the infant Christ, which one sees occasionally in the churches of this country are not to be compared with those of Europe, especially the remarkable ones made by the peasants of Italy and of the Tyrol. In the latter country there has been of recent years a decided revival of interest in these groups representing the nativity of Christ.

It is not unusual to see one with several hundred figures. Not alone the birth of the Saviour, but the adoration of the shepherds, the arrival of the kings with their soldiers and courtiers, the flight into Egypt, Jesus in the temple, and even the marriage at Cana are represented.

The Tyrol's cribs have been famous for centuries, and the people were justly proud of them until the spirit of "modern enlightenment" invaded the land and crib building was denounced as old-fashioned play. Enterprising antiquarians and art sellers eagerly bought up all the old cribs and then sold them at good profit to tourists.

Many fine specimens have disappeared from the land, but fortunately a few of the best were acquired by national museums. The best Tyrol crib known to have been the "Fischbacher Krippe" of Innsbruck, and the "Moser crib" of Bozen are now in the Bavarian National museum at Munich. A third, the Jantzenhauser crib, is in the Vienna museum.

Originally it belonged to a family in Witten, now a part of Innsbruck. It contained 154 animal figures, 24 buildings and 236 human figures. It included solid woodcarvings, figures, the heads of which were wax and others whose heads and limbs were movable. Some of these date back as far as the year 1700. Seven scenes were represented.

The Moser crib of Bozen was much more extensive. Moser's "city" was in itself a masterpiece and included palaces, gushing fountains, monuments of King David and towers with six city clocks striking the hours of the night. It was valued at more than \$5,000 during Moser's lifetime.

The Ursulines' crib was particularly famous on account of the gorgeous dressing of the figures. The angels were clad as courtiers of heaven in the rich court costumes of the seventeenth century.

These masterpieces are now lost to Tyrol. It can hardly cause surprise, then, that serious minded men began to entertain grave fears for their remaining works of art. This fear had a practical result in the formation of a society whose object was to prevent in future the reckless exportation and selling of old cribs and to revive the spirit that produced them.

Tyrolean cribs may be divided into two general classes, the oriental type and the Tyrolean. In the latter class the crib owner takes it for granted that Christ was born in Tyrol, hence scenery, people and dress are purely Tyrolean. In all the cribs the stable of Bethlehem is either the ruin of a castle (according to legend, Christ first saw the light of day in the ruins of the tower of David) or a part of a temple to show that the stable of Bethlehem was the first Christian temple, or else it is a simple cave on the mountain side.

The stable of Bethlehem and its interior are the center of the scene, the rest is merely the setting. The crib means much to the family. After weeks of careful, painstaking labor everything is ready, but the holy family is not there. After supper on Christmas eve the parents, brothers and children gather about the crib, the gospel scene is read aloud, and the little ones, quick to detect the shadow of the "Christkind," are told that the holy family are still seeking a shelter and finding none. The sadness that first expresses itself on their innocent faces soon gives way to joy as they recall that perhaps there is a place in their own home—at least they will have room. At midnight the solemn church bells call all to mass, and when the family returns, lo! there lies the infant in the manger, while Mary and Joseph kneel in humble adoration at its side.



## HANDY MAN BEST HUSBAND

Incident Showing How the Useful Husband Is Right on the Job.

Men who can turn their hands to any sort of job that needs doing are very useful as husbands. Mr. Pickles was one of these useful gentlemen. His amiable wife asked him to hang a picture she had purchased for the parlor, and he said that he would do it "in a jiffy."

"You must get me the cord and a picture hook," he said to his wife, "and tell the servant girl to run down into the cellar and bring up the stepladder and carry it into the parlor, and where those two little screw things—nails that go into the back of the frame at the sides to put the cord through?"

"Look them up for me; and I shall require the gimlet to bore a little hole for the screws. Somebody get the gimlet, or maybe I can drive them in with a hammer. Johnny, you run down into the cellar and get the hammer. Perhaps a chair would be better than the stepladder."

"Somebody go out into the kitchen and get me a chair. I don't want to stand on one of the parlor chairs. Got that cord? Just measure off about the right length and fasten it to those little things at the side."

"There, now; there's your picture hung up, and no fuss about it. The difference between us men and you women is that, when we have anything to do, we do it and don't talk all day about it."—Pittsburgh Chronicle Telegraph.

## DIET AND CHILDREN'S TEETH

Modified Cow's Milk Is Best Artificial Food—Vegetables, Fruit and Meat Necessary.

Decayed teeth are found in from 86 to 95 per cent of school children. Children who are fed exclusively at the breast for the first six months of life have decayed teeth in about 40 per cent, those fed on cows' milk in about the same proportion, while those fed on sweetened condensed milk show it in about 70 per cent.

Dr. Joseph Durand says in the Journal of the American Medical Association that if an infant cannot be nursed by its mother it must be fed on cows' milk properly modified, and that very early in its career—about the sixth month—this must be supplemented with vegetables, fruit and meat. As soon as its teeth begin to come it must have food that will exercise the teeth and jaws—tough meat, bacon rind, hard crusts, apples, celery, etc. And the meat should always end with some fibrous, preferably acid food, such as salad or fruit, as these provoke a flow of highly alkaline saliva.

## Turkish Women.

Turkish women are to be counted among the most industrious on earth. They do a vast amount of work. They make carpets, screens for doors, workbags, horse clothing and blankets. A Turkish girl makes all the kibitka or tent carpets, and other household requisites before she is married. If she gets married without completing the task it is expected that she will, by her own labor, refund the money which her parents have given her as a dowry. This usually consists of a hundred sheep and a certain amount of money, which the bridegroom pays to the parents of the bride. He also treats his friends to a succession of horse races and other sports. An important part is to decorate a camel with the handsomest trappings, which are sent to the bride's tent. On this she goes forth to receive congratulations of relatives and friends. It is on this she is carried away by the female relatives of the bridegroom. She and her attendants feign to resist the act by throwing raw oats at the other women.

The Country Weeker.

Dr. Horace Leavenworth Hall, the pioneer of the children's country week movement in the West, said the other day in Denver:

"The examples of stum children's ignorance are as incredible as they are innumerable.

"A farmer's wife pointed out to a stum urchin a flock of birds winging their way across the evening sky.

"Oh, look at the pretty birds!" she said.

"Poor things!" said the urchin. "Poor little things! They haven't got no cages, have they?"

## Value of Breathing Rightly.

Thomas Kane, a Chicago business man, tells how he regained his health after a nervous breakdown when he was forty-eight. He says:

"Just three things are absolute necessities for the smooth running and longevity of these human machines of ours: They are pure air, pure water and plain food. Food alone has a price. Both air and water are God's free gifts. And yet not one person in 10,000 breathes enough pure air; not one in a thousand drinks enough pure water, and nearly all of us eat too much."—American Magazine.

## Wrong Figure of Speech.

"In your sermon this morning you spoke of a baby as 'a new wave on the ocean of life,'" said the church warden, who had recently become a father, to the vicar in the vestry.

"I did," replied the vicar; "it was a poetic figure of speech."

"Don't you think a fresh squall would have hit the mark better?"—Stray Stories.

## GYPSIES WHO LIVE ON WATER

Fifty Thousand Nomads, It Has Been Estimated, "Run the Banks" of the Mississippi.

The lower Mississippi river is one of the greatest houseboat play regions of the United States. Beginning in the early autumn, people who dread the cold and who seek a long winter rest leave Ohio and upper Mississippi river towns and seek the thousand miles of flowing road from Cape Girardeau to the Gulf of Mexico. This fall migration of river gypsies is one of the strangest in the country.

It is said there are more than fifty thousand people living on the hundred thousand miles of navigable streams in the Mississippi basin. These are the shanty boaters, who dwell in various ways on the rivers and "rubbing the banks." Besides these river people there are large numbers of sportsmen and temporary residents afloat in motor boats and houseboats, making a population of perhaps one hundred thousand, not including the "steamboaters," who scorn the shanty boaters.

Between the two-classes of river people is a feud that dates from the old keelboat days, when steam power deprived the huge rowboats of their passenger and freight traffic.

The shanty boaters are strange floating nomads. They have many kinds of boats, which they call "cabin boats," and which range all the way from a "hogpen on a raft" to luxurious gasoline-driven houseboats of large size and beautifully equipped. An iceman, whose factory is in a lower Ohio town, slips away at the end of his season and cruises in the low Mississippi during the winter months, accompanied by hunting dogs, a deckhand, and a motor engineer. He is a real shanty boater, because he knows all the old timers and dwells in amity with them, though he drives a \$10,000 houseboat and some of his good friends live in driftwood scows covered with a tent of old canvas patched with tar paper.

## Aeroplanes to Guide Ships.

Aeroplanes for sighting icebergs and icefields, to enable a ship to steer clear of them, are being seriously considered by a Norwegian steamship company that has many difficulties from ice. The steamers of the line ply to Siberian ports by an Arctic ocean route, which is badly blocked by ice-floes in some seasons.

Under the present method, when floes are sighted by the lookout, the steamer has to cruise back and forth until it finds a way through or around the floes, and much time is thus lost.

The proposal is to have an aeroplane on each steamer and to have one of the crew trained to fly. When ice is sighted the aeroplane would go up and the airman could in many instances see that in a certain direction the water was clear, or perhaps even determine the entire extent of the floes. His report would then enable the captain to fix the shortest route round the obstruction.

Methods of launching an aeroplane from the deck of a vessel are still imperfect, and other obvious difficulties appear; but the company has the idea in mind and hopes it may find it feasible.

## Cook's Revenge.

In the peaceful quietude of a summer evening, a red-faced cook put her head out of the window of a suburban house and shouted: "Thieves! Police!" at the top of her lungs.

Instantly all was confusion. The neighbors left their houses, and a perspiring policeman came reluctantly up the steps of an area opposite and commenced a search for the marauders. But not a soul could be found. Everything in the house was in apple-pie order, and, after looking about for some time, he left in disgust.

"Martha, why in the world did you give that false alarm?" her mistress asked her afterwards.

"To have my revenge on the policeman, ma'am," Martha candidly confessed. "The brute's thrown me over for the cook across the way, and he was just sitting down to supper there when I called out, 'Police!' and made him run. Now the grub will be cold, and I know from experience, ma'am, that if there's anything on earth that makes Robert wish himself dead, it's cold rabbit-pie!"—Tit-Bits.

## Close Observer.

The day was windy. Her skirts were short. Likewise they were blown and made full at the hem. Her waist was cut low.

"There goes a girl," said Traffic Patrolman Brown, "that ought to be made to wear more clothes. It's scandalous. But I don't know as the law could make her do it."

"No, you can't pinch her for that," agreed his friend, Patrolman Mike Kirby, in the noon comment at the meeting of the beats, "but I tell you what you could do."

Kirby surveyed her ankles of pinlike slenderness dubiously.

"You might pinch her for having no visible means of support."—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

## City of Bethune in History.

Bethune, which is on the road to Peronne, is a French town with a fascinating history, and is now in the throes of the great struggle, as the possession of these two towns means the gaining of the German defense of Picard. Bethune is situated on a rock facing the river Brette. Until 1713 it was of Flemish occupation, and in the early ages the Scottish family of Bethune is said to have gone from here to England with William of Normandy.

# Santa Claus

**RIGHT NOW** is the time you want to save the difference for Santa. We will sell you the same goods or a larger quantity, for **LESS MONEY**, and you can send the savings to **SANTA** for this Season of Christmas Cheer. We wish everybody a **MERRY CHRISTMAS**, with plenty of good eating.

We are going to have a **HOLIDAY WEEK** of **CLOSE and SPECIAL PRICES**; beginning December 15th and ending December 23rd or until stocks as noted are exhausted.

## CHRISTMAS SPECIALS

### SUGAR (White Plantation Sugar.)

|                 |        |
|-----------------|--------|
| 25 Pounds.....  | \$1.90 |
| 13 Pounds.....  | \$1.06 |
| 100 Pounds..... | \$7.50 |

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| 60 lb Tub Compound.....  | \$9.00 |
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| 10 lb Pail Compound..... | \$1.50 |
| 5 lb Pail Compound.....  | 75c    |

### FLOUR (While it lasts.)

|                |        |
|----------------|--------|
| 98 lb bag..... | \$4.25 |
| 48 lb bag..... | \$2.15 |
| 24 lb bag..... | \$1.10 |

The above is VERY BEST Fancy Patent soft wheat flour.

### COFFEES.

|                                |        |
|--------------------------------|--------|
| 3 lb White House.....          | 85     |
| 3 lb Caraja.....               | 70     |
| Southern Supply Blend 4 1-2 lb | \$1.90 |

## Canned Vegetables

(None packed quite so good as "BRIDAL.")

|                                    |        |
|------------------------------------|--------|
| Bridal Spinach No. 3, 18, per doz  | \$1.90 |
| Bridal Corn No. 2, 15, per doz     | \$1.50 |
| Bridal Peas No. 2, 15, per doz     | \$1.60 |
| Bridal Asparagus, 25, per doz      | \$2.75 |
| Bridal Lima Beans, 18, per doz     | \$1.90 |
| Bridal Cut Ref. beans, 15, per doz | 1.65   |

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| Fancy Small peas, 13, per doz    | \$1.40 |
| Tomatoes (Va. pack), 13, per doz | 1.40   |
| Beets, fancy, 13, per doz        | \$1.40 |
| Fancy Corn, 13, per doz          | \$1.40 |
| Pumpkin, Fancy, 13, per doz      | \$1.40 |
| Potatoes, 13, per doz            | \$1.40 |

## Canned Fruits

(None Packed Quite so Good as "BRIDAL.")

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| Bridal Cal. Peaches, 25 can, doz          | \$2.75  |
| Bridal Cal. Apricots, 25 can, doz         | 2.75    |
| Bridal Cal. Pears, 25 can, doz            | 2.75    |
| Bridal Cal. Plums, 20 can, doz            | 2.25    |
| Bridal Cal. White Cherries, 30 can, dozen | \$3.50. |

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| Bridal Cal. Pineapples, 20 can, dozen | \$2.25. |
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| Apples No. 3, 10, dozen       | \$1.00 |
| Pie Peaches No. 3, 12, dozen  | \$1.25 |
| Blackberries No. 3, 12, dozen | \$1.25 |

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| No. 3 size 20c, 3 for 50c, 1 doz | \$1.95 |

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| Cluster Raisins.....              | 15c lb       |
| Cocoanuts large, 3 for.....       | 25c          |
| Oranges.....                      | 15 & 20c doz |
| Grapefruit, 5c per each straight. |              |

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| Mixed Nuts.....                         | 15c per lb |
| Seeded Raisins, Citron, Orange and      |            |
| Lemon Peel, all kinds of nuts, for your |            |
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